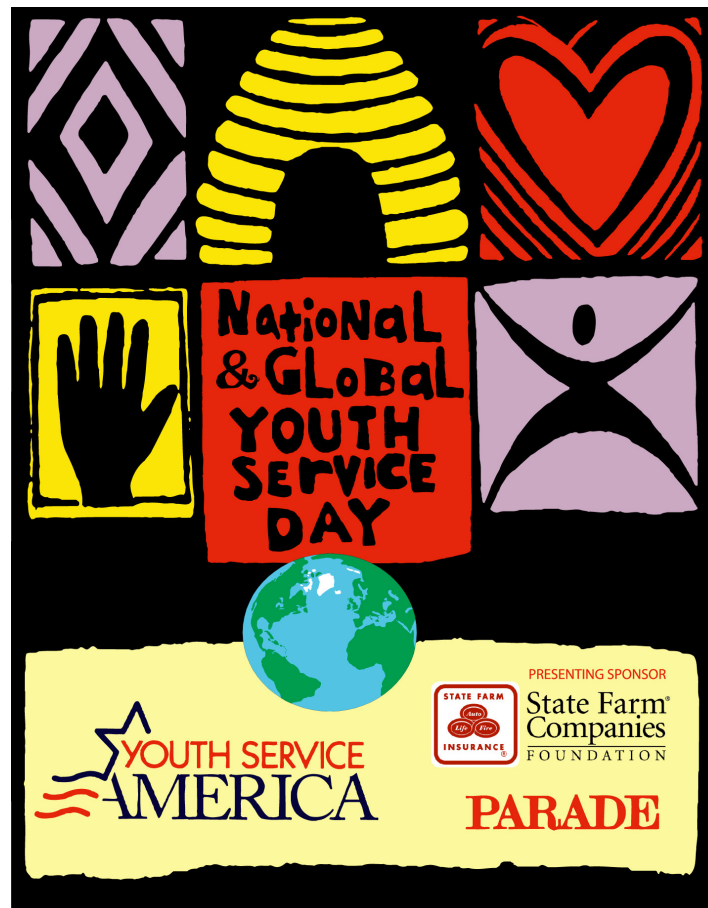




2006 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

Akron, Ohio



National & Global Youth Service Day
April 11, 2006



City of Akron, Ohio

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC, MAYOR

April 11, 2006

Dear Volunteer:

Welcome to the City of Akron's Annual National & Global Youth Service Day Recognition Program.

I would like to personally congratulate you on being honored today and thank you for your unselfish service to our community. The many volunteer hours you performed are very precious to the individuals serviced and the local organizations that utilized your talents. Your outstanding work is very encouraging to me. It reassures me that many young people in Akron and Summit County are dedicated to serving others and your contribution lets me know that our future will be in most capable hands.

The City of Akron is pleased to host National & Global Youth Service Day with its local co-sponsor, U.S. Bank. My sincerest appreciation to U.S. Bank Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick for their continued support. We also recognize and thank our national partners, the United States Conference of Mayors, Youth Service America, Parade Magazine, and the 2006 presenting sponsor State Farm Companies Foundation.

The real credit goes to parents, teachers, coaches, clergy, and many others in our community who positively impact our young volunteers. Thank you for all that you have contributed to help shape this wonderful class of youth volunteers.

This year we celebrate by recognizing more than 100 nominees. I hope that the documentation of your contributions will encourage others of your generation to give through volunteerism.

Sincerely,

DONALD L. PLUSQUELLIC
Mayor

2006 City of Akron National & Global Youth Service Day

Tue, April 11, 2006, 7:00 p.m.

Akron Summit County Public Library

Main Library, 60 S. High Street, Akron Ohio 44308

Welcome	Billy Soule Assistant to the Mayor for Community Relations
Invocation	Pastor Herman Matherson The House of The Lord
Message	Mayor Donald L. Plusquellic
Sponsor Welcome	Greg Ferrence Regional President, U.S. Bank
Introduction of Speaker	Billy Soule
Speaker	Eric Mansfield News Anchor, Time Warner Cable Channel 23 News
Volunteer Statement	Pam Beals, Volunteer Center
Introduction of Groups	Jill P. Adams, Summit County Executive's Office
Introduction of Individuals	Inda Blatch-Geib V.P. Development & Marketing, Goodwill Industries
Awards Presentation	Greg Ferrence, U.S. Bank Hollie Ashworth, Safe Landing Youth Shelter
Remarks	Billy Soule
Remarks and Benediction	Michael T. Martin Summit Christian Church

A special thank you to Hollie Ashworth of our Program Sub-Committee. To Tom Weaver and the Firestone Wednesday Jazz Combo for their wonderful music. To the staff of the Mayor's Office, Shawanna Swartz, Gail Fielding, Linda Thompson, Laurie Hoffman and a special thank you to Kay Racco for the many hours of work. To Bruce Ford and Jim Jones of the City of Akron for their technical support. And, to David Jennings, Michael Derr and the staff of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

Eric Mansfield

Eric Mansfield anchors the Akron/Canton News at 6:30 and 9 p.m. weekdays from the Akron Broadcast Center and also contributes to Channel 3 News as well. Eric joined WKYC-TV3, Gannett's NBC affiliate in Cleveland, OH as Akron/Canton reporter in May of 1994. In June of 2001, Eric assumed the additional duties as anchor of PAX23 News. This year PAX23News became Akron/Canton News on Time Warner Cable Channel 23.



Eric's awards include an Emmy in 2000 for Outstanding Service Reporting and one in 1994 for Outstanding Live Reporting. In 2002, Eric was nominated for an Emmy for Outstanding Anchor. He has also been honored by the Cleveland Press Club, the Ohio Associated Press and the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

An Akron native, Eric earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from the University of Dayton. In 1991, he was named the Omar Williams Award winner as the University's top broadcasting graduate.

Eric began his broadcasting career doing play-by-play sports announcing in college and later anchored overnight news reports at WHIO-TV in Dayton. In 1992, Eric came home to Akron as an anchor-reporter with WAKC-TV.

A Major in the Ohio National Guard, Eric spent 14 months on active duty in 2003-04 in Iraq and Kuwait and recently responded with other Ohio Guardsmen to the Gulf Coast to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Eric, his wife Lisa, and their three sons Joshua, Jacob and Teddy live in the Akron area.



2006 Nominating Agencies

Akron City Hospital

Akron Community Service Center & Urban League

Barberton Citizens Hospital

Coming Together Akron

Delta Sigma Sorority, Inc.

Greenleaf Family Center

Haven of Rest

Kenmore High School

Mountain Of the Lord Fellowship

The Salvation Army

St. Francis de Sales School

Summa Health System, St Thomas Hospital

Summit County Historical Society

Summit Special Olympics

V.I.B.E./Charisma Community Connections

Williard Food Pantry

Volunteer of the Year

Asja Williams

New Millennium Baptist Church Summer Youth Program

464 hours

Asja began her volunteer work four years ago and has since served in various positions including recreation assistant, mentor, and clerical intern. She volunteers throughout the summer, Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in our Summer Youth Program. She assists with teaching lifeskills and assisting on field trips. She also prepares documents and answers phones.



Asja's volunteering efforts save the church money that would go to pay to employ a recreational aide and clerical assistant. Her age and accomplishments are also beneficial in what she does for us. The kids in our program enjoy her presence and look up to her. She is dedicated and has volunteered longer than any of our other volunteers.

What makes this young woman so special is that she is the mother of a one year old, and she graduates from high school and is going off to college in the fall. She deserves to be recognized for her contributions to our program, to the Kenmore and to Akron communities.

Submitted by Cora Wright, Program Director
New Millennium Baptist Church Summer Youth Program



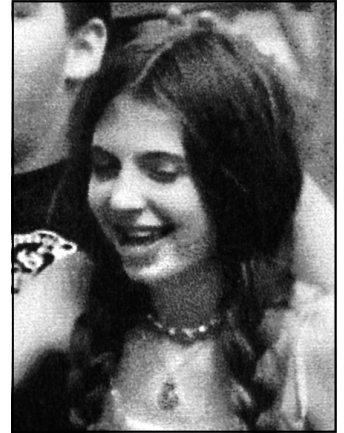
Outstanding Volunteer

Abigail Tanner

St. Francis de Sales School

320 hours

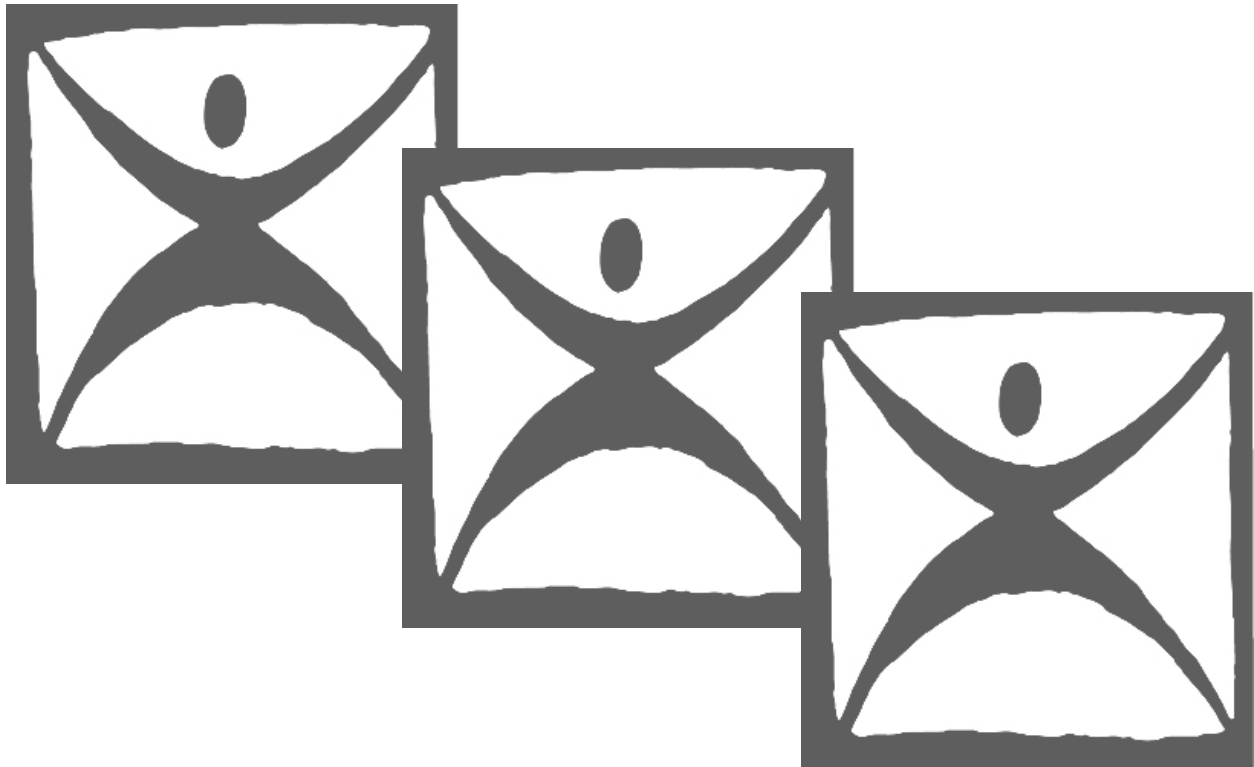
Abbie was a volunteer counselor for Sumfun, a day camp for handicapped young people. She supervised the youngsters, helped with the activities, and the emotional situations that might come up. She also worked with those in charge of Superkids Soap Box Derby for handicapped youngsters, getting food for them, cheering the contestants and running the heat board. Abbie has also helped mentally handicapped adults enjoy themselves square dancing at the suburban south mentally challenged program. She also helped paint houses for the elderly and handicapped.



Abbie's volunteerism helps these programs continue to provide vital serves to the handicapped. Without volunteers like Abbie these services would not run smoothly or may even have to be discontinued.

Abbie has gone way beyond the services that others provide. She has brought joy to many and is a great example of a teen interested in helping others.

Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St, Francis de Sales School



Volunteer Group of the Year

Williard United Methodist Church Food Pantry

**Ana Baurson
Allison Baurson
Michelle Beeson
Megan Buschko**

**Samantha Fallucco
Steven Farmer
Amy Farmer
Megan Gossett**

**Kevin Herbeck
Hayley Hineline
Emily Leslic
Zack McGraw**

**Kaelen Nothnagel
Kenzie Nothnagel
Allison Rowe
Avery Williams**

Williard Food Pantry

1200 hours

Youth volunteers of the Williard Food Pantry come from many parts of the community. Some are members of our church, but many are from other churches and schools nearby. These dedicated young people give of their time during summer vacation and their Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. They put together food baskets so that those in need might have food for their families.

June through August, young people take the place of many adults, who then are able to take the summer off. While they are at the food pantry they unload the truck after it comes from the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank. They stock the shelves, put up orders for clients, and pack any bulk food that they have. Many even carry out some of the orders for clients who need help.

This past summer some of the youth have taken on the job of painting walls at the pantry to make it a brighter place to work. These young people are very important to our church and its inner-city mission work.

Submitted by Charlie Dorow, Director of Operations, Williard Food Pantry



Outstanding Group

Akron Urban League

Ashley Evans
Jabari Mckee
Cemeia Melton

Marcus White
Dwight Mitchell
Jesseka Moore

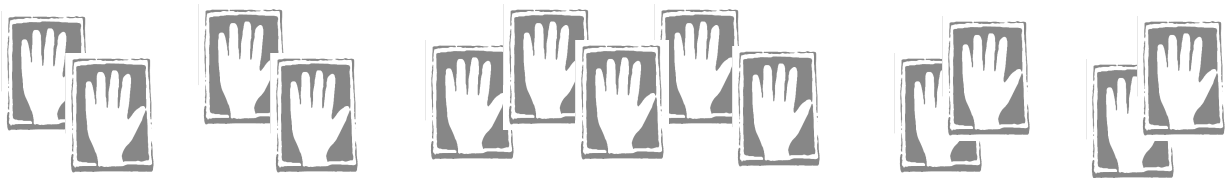
Schools In Program

192 hours

The students in the Schools In Program volunteer the fourth Wednesday every month with our agency's food distribution to needy families. They load and unload food from the food bank, they stock supplies for counting and then pack the food into grocery bags for distribution. Because of these young people, our agency does not have to seek other volunteers or pay someone to handle food distribution. Their volunteerism also enables the Urban League to use funding in other areas and minimizes the overall workload of agency staff.

These young people are dedicated. They give of their time to help others and they do it happily. Always willing to help, they are dependable and always go above and beyond the call of duty.

Submitted by Misty Rogers, GED Instructor, Akron Urban League



National Youth Service Day Breakfast sponsored by



Honorable Mention

Mitchell Goler

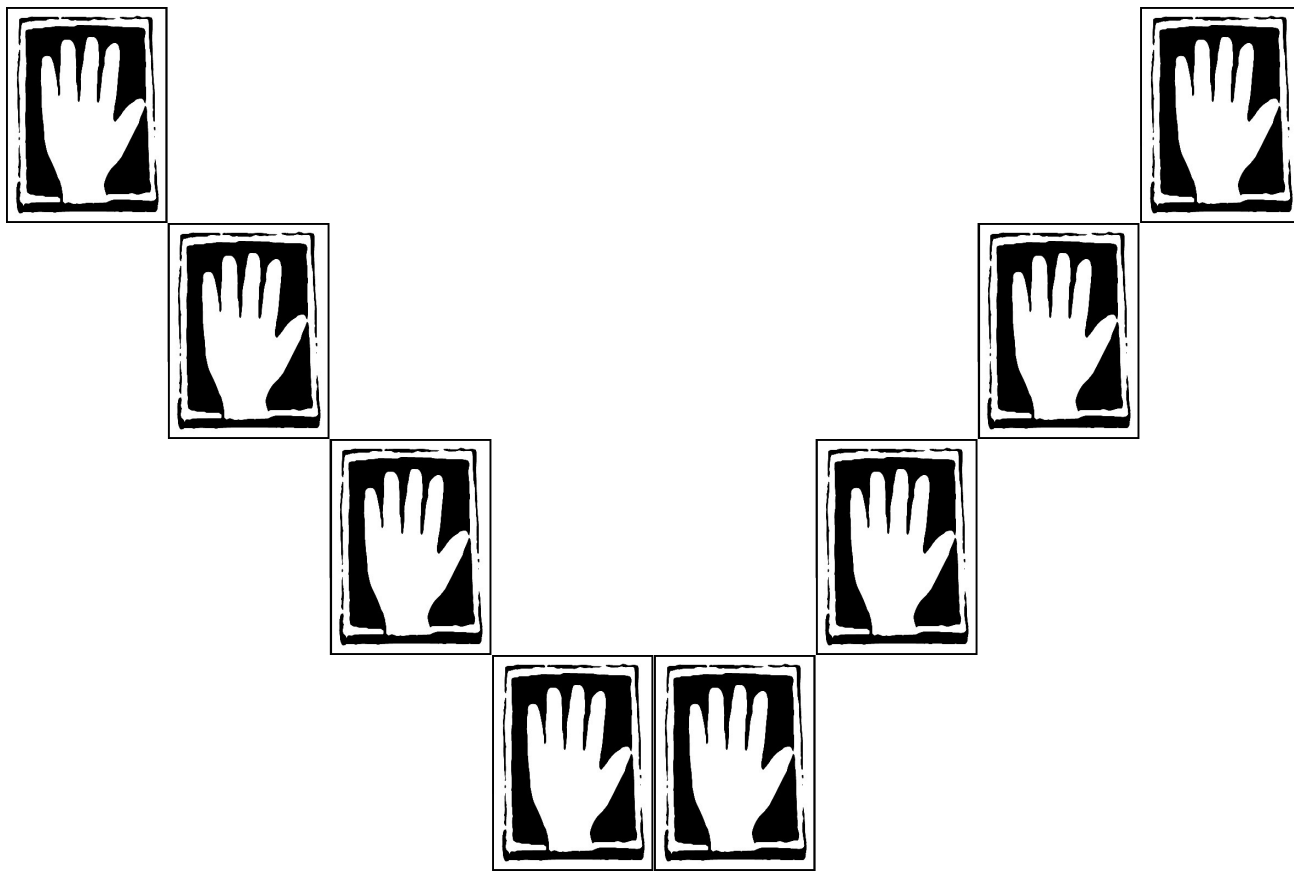
Salvation Army of Summit County

48 hours

Mitchell helps out with our hot meals program that serves people who are in need of food during the last five working days of a month. He sets up the gymnasium for the afternoon, prepares food, serves meals, cleans up and lends a hand however he can. Whenever the kitchen is short-handed, Mitchell has stepped up to help in whatever capacity is needed. His presence allows mouths to be feed and hearts to be filled.

The wonderful thing about Mitchell is that he was never asked to help within the program. He came to the Salvation Army as a client with his mother to receive a hot meal. He soon realized that we were sometimes understaffed, without prompting, he went to from being helped to helping.

Submitted by Beth Canfield, Volunteer Coordinator



2006 Nominated Volunteers

Shari Marie Brown

Greenleaf Family Center

76 hours

Shari Marie assists with set up and cleanup with a children's group called "Kid's Time" as part of Schools and Family Enjoyed Together for Youth Safety Program. The program meets on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Shari Marie arrives at 4:30 to help with set up and stays for the entire evening and helps with clean up before she leaves.

The SAFETY program could not be implemented without volunteers such as Shari Marie. The expense would be too great to have to pay to do what our volunteers do.

Shari Marie is exceptionally reliable and competent. She is ready, willing and able to do all that is asked of her. Even with a part-time job Shari Marie still finds time to volunteer.

Submitted by Janet Helfgott Emmer,
Family Counselor & Educator, SAFETY Program Coordinator



Sha'Nay Bushner

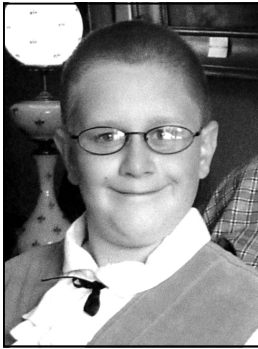
Kenmore High School

60 hours

Sha'Nay works in our office and does a lot of our "foot" work. She goes to classrooms to get students we need to see. She helps with bulk mailing and assists us whenever there is a need. Her volunteering allows us to see far more students than we could without her assistance.

Sha'Nay has been working in our office since the beginning of the school year and I have never heard her mumble or complain because of the work load. She is always pleasant and gives her best.

Submitted by Miriam I. Green, Counselor, Kenmore High School



Carl Corall

Summit County Historical Society

22 hours



Carl is a tour guide and office assistant for the curator at Summit County Historical Society. He is in his element, excelling, when in costume to tell stories of the past in the Perkins Stone Mansion and John Brown House. His enthusiasm for history also prompted him to set up a volunteer day with his Boy Scout troop to help tidy up the grounds.

Carl is always eager to help and asks his mom to allow him to volunteer on days after school. He shows excellent character when dealing with staff (paid and volunteer) and visitors.

Submitted by Leianne Neff Heppner, Curator, Summit County Historical Society

Irfaan Dar

Barberton Citizen's Hospital

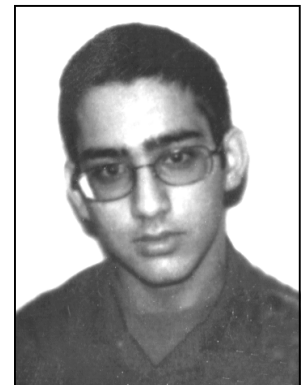
Student Volunteer

150 hours



Irfaan volunteers every Saturday from 11 am – 3:30 pm in the transportation services department. He answers the phone, discharges patients, takes specimens to the lab, and picks up medications from the pharmacy and takes them to the nursing units.

Irfaan is very conscientious about volunteer assignments and will perform any duty that is asked of him. He is well liked by all of the Barberton Citizens Hospital employees and his fellow volunteers.



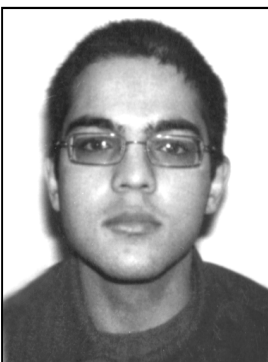
Submitted by Patricia Mills, Volunteer Director, Barberton Citizens Hospital

Suhail Dar

Barberton Citizen's Hospital

Student Volunteer

130 hours



As does his brother, Suhail Dar volunteers in the transportation services department of our hospital. He is kept very busy answering phones, taking specimens to the lab and doing other tasks within the department.

He volunteers 4.5 hours every Saturday and because of his help employees can focus other aspects of their jobs such as discharging of patients.

Suhail is a dedicated volunteer who gets along with everyone.

Submitted by Patricia Mills, Volunteer Director, Barberton Citizens Hospital

Robert Deveny

Summa Health System

St. Thomas Hospital

80 hours

Robert volunteers once a week in Dr. Alexander's office at Saint Thomas Hospital and Akron City Hospital. He provides patients with wheelchair transportation to and from radiology, files charts and creates new charts for new patients. Through his positive interactions with staff, patient and visitors, Robert helps create a caring environment.



Robert's volunteering allows the office manager and other staff to focus on direct care issues and other duties.

Robert was a dependable volunteer during his time with the Summa Student Volunteer Program. Those who worked with him remarked how polite and caring he was. He is a good example of a teen volunteer and the vital service they can provide to others.

Submitted By David Wilson, Manager, Volunteer Services,
Summa Health System, Saint Thomas Hospital



Sasha Holston

Haven of Rest Ministries

53 hours

Sasha helps at Harvest Home (shelter for homeless women and children), sorting clothing and cleaning. Her volunteerism helps provide a healthy atmosphere for the women and children and clean clothes for the clients.

Sasha is faithful to the ministry, has a pleasant manner, and a cheerful attitude. She is a pleasure to work with and works well with others.

Submitted by Jan Pluck, Coordinator of Volunteers, Haven of Rest Ministries

Terita Parmis

Kenmore High School

25 hours

Terita is a member of Harmony, an organization whose goal is to promote racial and ethnic unity in the school. The benefit is that the group reduces racial tension and makes people aware of how they treat others.

Terita is a positive role model. She exhibits the true meaning of leadership among her peers. She is always willing to help others.

Submitted by Marion Taylor, Counselor, Kenmore High School



Princess Tyler
V.I.B.E./Charisma Community Connection
102 hours



Princess volunteers as a youth leader in V.I.B.E. (Value Information Being Exposed) program which meets on Friday evenings. Princess' efforts continue throughout the week as she helps with filing, copying, and completing other office tasks.

During V.I.B.E. sessions, Princess leads discussions, sharing statistics and possible solutions to problems in reducing drug abuse, STD's, and inner-city crime. She has shown great passion in making sure that this and future generations have the necessary information and decision-making skills to

lead more healthy and prosperous lives. Because of her influence, many of her friends have become part of the program.

Submitted by Bryant Sojourner, Youth Director, Charisma Community Connection

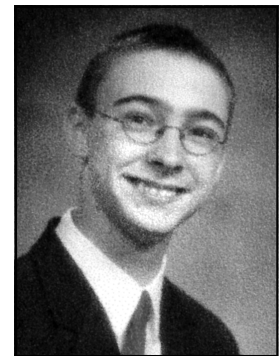
Kory Urban
Greenleaf Family Center
36 hours



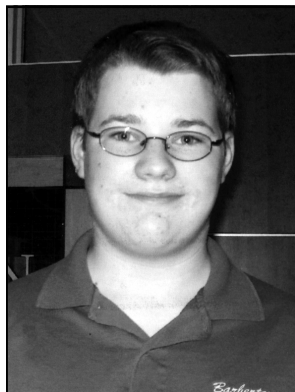
Kory assists with set up and cleanup and with "Kid's Time" a children's group that is part of Schools and Family Enjoyed Together for Youth Safety Program. The program meets on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Kory is always an hour early and stays to help with clean up.

Without volunteers like Kory, the expense would be too great to continue the program. His involvement in the program benefits the youth and gives them a positive role model.

Kory is most cooperative and reliable. He also volunteers during "Kids Fair" and other activities through East High School.



Submitted by Janet Helfgott Emmer,
 Family Counselor & Educator, SAFETY Program Coordinator



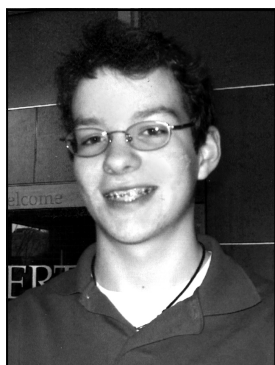
Brad Vielhaber
Barberton Citizen's Hospital
Student Volunteer
126.75 hours



Brad volunteers in the transportation services department every Wednesday from 4-7:00 pm. Brad assists the transportation employees by picking up specimens from nursing units and taking them to the lab. He is also involved in the discharge of patients and delivery medications from pharmacy to the nursing units.

Brad has volunteered since June of 2003 and is a great help to transportation services by answering phone and running errands. He also participated in the Barberton Relay for Life, the Christmas Walk and Mum Fest, and the Akron Heart Walk.

Submitted by Patricia Mills, Volunteer Director, Barberton Citizens Hospital



Colin Vielhaber

St. Francis de Sales School

132 hours



Colin has volunteered at Barberton Citizen's Hospital, running errands and helping with patients being discharged. Colin has volunteered with Relay for Life, setting up, cleaning, and helping with participants. Another area of service was his helping children at Mumfest.

Colin has aided the community by being of service to those who are ill and children. He has been generous with his time, performing many services along with his family. He continues to provide these services even with a busy school schedule.

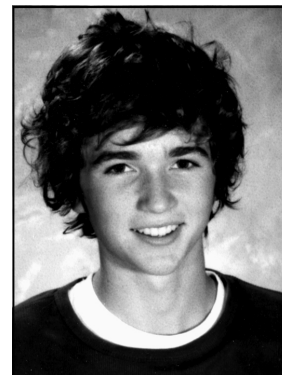
Submitted by Sister Joan Monsour, Teacher, St. Francis de Sales School

Sam Vorraber

Akron City Hospital

Volunteer Services

172.5 hours



Sam works the reception desk in our distribution department during the summer months and school breaks. He answers phones, lists requests and delivers medical equipment and supplies to nursing units and specialty departments.

Sam's volunteering allows our full-time control desk person to fill more requests and provide on-demand services.

Sam has been volunteering for three years with excellent attendance. He is always cheerful and helpful and interacts pleasantly with the staff, he always brightens our day.

Submitted by Brenda Harman, Distribution Work Leader, Akron City Hospital

Ben Walker

V.I.B.E./Charisma Community Connection

25 hours



Ben is a designated team leader for community youth events conducted by CCC. He volunteers in the Anti-Smoking Adolescence Program promoting clean air and clean lungs. The group creates posters, performs free skits for young people and gets follow-up information sheets filled out by members of the community. He also conducts research that informs youth of the dangers of high-risk activities.

Ben helps to keep order among the young people during community events and outings. He does not hesitate to offer his time, talents or abilities in order to help others. He has a positive attitude and a friendly disposition and encourages others to be a part of the program.

Submitted by Bryant Sojourner, Youth Director, Charisma Community Connection

2006 Nominated Groups

Coming Together Akron

Rebecca Barnes-Felton
Jammie Bryan
Carlina Croston
Emily Esakov
Dionna Fry
Serena Hanna
Miriam Harris

Dominique Jackson
Ann Koblenzer
Kim Lavin
David Lee
Grace Patuwo
Marcus Pearson
Annie Ryland

Scott Salomone
Vysh Sivakumaran
Ashleigh Snipes
Moriah Stutler
Sarah Swirsky
Marija Tesla
Alexandria Williams

High School Teen Board 1300 hours



The Coming Together Akron (CTA) High School Board is represented by 21 high school teens from 9th through 12th grades who volunteer their time and services - promoting diversity, and spreading the ideal that all people are equal and all races are to be respected.

The teens are responsible for planning and conducting four free workshops each year to promote CTA's mission within the community and to help form and maintain diversity clubs within their high schools.

These teens are influential among peers and provide a tremendous promotional element that money can't buy. Many times these teens undermine and eliminate bigotry and hatred within the home setting, in school or among other groups. They take the message of diversity and equality with them to every situation they encounter.

Submitted by Donna Pulling, Director of Education & Public Relations
Coming Together Akron



Coming Together Akron

**Jon Bashor
Benjamin Beasley
Cierra Byrd
Jordan Carque
Lauren Curtin
Derek Daily**

**Colleen Ferguson
Frances Herip
Ashley Holland
Deanna Klettlinger
Caitlin O'Neill
Marcia Leon Rabanal**

**Robert Sadinski
Shannon Shontz-Phillips
Alexandra Stec
Kenny Stevenson
Antoinette Tokie
Daren Williams**

Middle School Teen Board 650 hours



The Coming Together Akron (CTA) Middle School Board is composed of 18 middle school teens from 7th and 8th grades who volunteer their time and services - promoting diversity, and spreading the ideal that all people are equal and all races are to be respected.

Each year the teens are responsible for planning and conducting two free workshops, promoting CTA's mission within the community, and helping to form and maintain diversity clubs within their schools.

These teens have more impact and rapport with peers and provide a tremendous promotional element that money can't buy. They believe in what they do, express how they feel, and provide a forum for participants to open their minds to how others think.

Submitted by Donna Pulling, Director of Education & Public Relations
Coming Together Akron



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

**Timisha Chambers
Alicia Clopton
Seirra Floyd
Alexandria Harris
LaTasha Herrin
Jamilla Hooks**

**Tanaya Keyes
Paige Leathers
DaVonne Miller
Whitney Parnell
Amaris Rookard
Leah Smith**

**Brianna Smith
WyTerria Thornton
Tanesha Walker
Porshia Watts
Alexandria Williams
Dominique Williams**

2006 Debutants 60+ hours



The 2006 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority debutants have completed many activities during their cotillion experience. They participated in educational, cultural and leadership activities. Additionally, the debutants completed a public service project.

This year's debutante class decided to write a grant proposal to Youth as Resources of Summit County. After brainstorming, they chose a theme and wrote a grant entitled – "D.E.B.S.- Debutantes Educating on the Blood Disorder Sickle Cell Anemia." For their efforts they were awarded a \$500 grant.

Other activities included making crafts for patients at Children's Hospital. Each craft package highlighted health tips and offer encouraging words to patients. They used the remainder of funds to buy a Sony Play Station for the hospital.

Submitted by Jacqueline Silas-Butler
Cotillion Chairperson, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority



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Proclamation

To The People of Akron:

Whereas: The future of our community, our state and our nation depends on the type of young people we raise to handle the affairs of tomorrow. It is the duty of all citizens, parents and youth organizations to develop a proper attitude among the young people of our community, and to provide them with the right examples, environments and opportunities; and

Whereas: The City of Akron is pleased to join the 18th Annual Celebration of National & Global Youth Service Day in partnership with Parade Magazine and many national organizations; and

Whereas: Among the national partners are the United States Conference of Mayors, Points of Light Foundation, National League of Cities, YMCA & YWCA of the USA, Boys and Girls Clubs, the American Red Cross, Youth Volunteers of America, American Federation of Teachers. The 2006 sponsors are State Farm Companies Foundation, General Motors Corporation Department of Justice and Disney; and

Whereas: The Annual National & Global Youth Service Day will bring together three million youth volunteers to serve their communities through thousands of service projects. Akron is proud of the 100 volunteers that are being recognized this morning.

Now, Therefore: I, Donald L. Plusquellic, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 11, 2006, as:

“NATIONAL & GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY”

in the City of Akron with special thanks to our local sponsor U.S. Bank, Regional President Greg Ferrence and District Manager Della McCormick, and I continue to encourage our citizenry to participate in the festivities on this great day and urge all area youth to become involved in their cities to help build a brighter tomorrow.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed hereto this 30th day of March, 2006.

*Mayor
City of Akron*